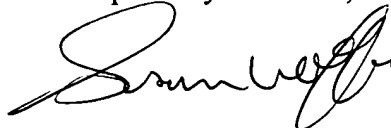


CONCLUSION

The claims were amended to place in proper U.S. format and eliminate multiple dependencies. No new matter was added by this amendment. Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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